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Milan, April 29. N. S.

THE Duke of Vendosme intends to take the Field the beginning of next Month, and has accordingly ordered his Forces to draw together out of their Quarters, the Town of Casal being appointed for their General Rendezvous. It was given out, That he intended to open the Campaign with the Siege of Verue; but the Duke of Savoy has caused several Works to be cast up between that Place and the Po, and taken such other Measures for its Security, that it is believed the French will be obliged to desist from that Enterprize. The Prince of Vaudemont, our Governor, has lately published an Edict for the better regulating and for augmenting the Militia of this State.

Venice, May 2. Yesterday being the Feast of the Ascension, the Doge, accompanied by the Senators and others of the Nobility, and by the Imperial Ambassador and the Pope's Nuntio, and attended by all the Publick Officers in their Formalities, went on board the *Bucinaure*, followed by a great number of Gondola's, Barks, and other Boats, to the Lido, and there performed the usual Ceremony of Espousing the Adriatick Sea, by throwing into it a Gold Ring, and pronouncing certain Words to assert his Right to the Dominion thereof, which the Venetians claim by virtue of a Grant they say was made to their Republick by Pope Alexander III. about 500 Years ago. This Solemnity being over, they returned to the Palace, where the Company was very splendidly entertained. Our Senate has resolved to raise a Million of Ducats, by establishing a Fund for the paying of certain Annuities, to such Persons as shall advance that Sum at the following Rates; Those who are between 15 and 35 Years of Age, are to have 6 per Cent. from 35 to 50, 7; from 50 to 60, 8; and above 60, 9; and as often as any of them shall happen to die, their Annuities are to be distributed among the Survivors. According to our Advices from Lombardy, the French have not yet made any Attempt upon the Imperialists, who have extended their Quarters along the Po as far as *Monachi di San Benedetto*, within 7 Miles of *Ponte di Lago Scuro*, and have posted part of their Troops between that River, the *Tartaro* and the *Adige*, as far as *Carpi* and *Legnago*, whereby they have secured their Communication with Germany, from whence they have lately received some Recruits by the way of *Tirol*. The Marquis *Davia*, after his Excursion towards the Lake di *Como*, marched to *Trent*, with a considerable Booty he had got in that Expedition, tho' he failed in his principal Design, which was to have secured *Fort Fuentes*, and is since returned to *Ostiglia* by the way of *Pal Palsella*. They write from the Duke of Vendosme's Quarters at *Casal*, That he had caused the Fortifications of *Asi* to be undermined, intending soon to quit that Place, and to dismantle it.

Kinsale, May 9. This day came in here Her Majesty's Ship the *Penzance*, Captain *Laurance* Commander, from cruising, who on the 6th Instant, to the Westward of Cape Clear, fell in with 20 Sail of Merchant Ships, under Convoy of Her Majesty's Ships the

Ipswich, Pembroke, Hampshire, Flamborough, and the Terrible Fireship, being the homeward-bound Turkey Fleet, with some others; They left Scanderbon the 3d of January last, and have not been in any Port since. An Express is just now arrived from Captain Watlin, Commadore of the said Fleet, which left them yesterday off of Baltimore, plying to the Windward, in order to come in here.

Falmouth, May 13. The Expedition *Pacquet-Boat* sailed hence the 9th Instant for Lisbon: The next day the King William *Pacquet-Boat* arrived here from thence, having been 13 days in her Passage. Yesterday came in here the Broughton Galley of London, Daniel Thomas Master, laden with Gold, Elephant's Teeth, &c. homeward bound from Guinea; as also Her Majesty's Spy-Boat the *Chatham* Prize from cruising on the French Coast. This day Sir Cloudesly Shovell, with the Squadron of Her Majesty's Ships under his Command, and a considerable Fleet of outward-bound Merchant Ships, passed by this Place; whereupon the *David* and *Joseph* Flyboat, bound to Boston, and the *Laffine* Galley for Barbary, sailed hence in order to join them.

Plimouth, May 14. The 11th Instant came in here Her Majesty's Ships the *Ranelagh*, *Coventry* and *Essex*, from the Eastward; Her Majesty's Ship the *Hector* from St. George's Channel, and under her Convoy Four Vessels from Leverpoole, laden with Rock-Salt; the *Elizabeth* and *Katherine*, William Baffin Master, bound thence to London; a Merchant Ship belonging to Middlebourg, Cornelius Vander Man Master, homeward bound with Gold and Elephant's Teeth from Guinea; and the Favourite of Amsterdam, Isaac Rawliffe Master, laden with Tobacco, Sugar and Fruit, from Lisbon, and bound to Hamburgh. The same evening Her Majesty's Ship the *Medway* came in here from cruising. The 12th, in the evening, Sir Cloudesly Shovell passed by this Place with the Squadron under his Command, and a considerable Fleet of Merchant Ships, and was joined from hence by the outward-bound West-India Fleet. Yesterday Her Majesty's Ship the *Hazardous* sailed hence to join them. The same day came in the Kingston Galley, Benjamin Smithson Master, the *Waller* Galley, Benjamin Joyce Master, both from Jamaica, and the *Pembroke* Galley, John Denny Master, from Newfoundland, all 3 bound for London; the *St. Joseph* of Rotterdam, Arian Smiers Master, bound home with Wine, Sugar and Fruit, from Oporto; and the *Society* of Dublin, James Thomas Master, with Fruit from Lisbon, bound for London. Last night came in Her Majesty's Ship the *Triton* from cruising; the *Mermaid* Galley of London, Ralph Thorp Commander, homeward-bound with Silk and other Goods from Smirna; and the Expedition of Cork, John Hudson Master, homeward-bound with Pipe-Staves from Hamburgh. This day the Kingston, Waller and Pembroke Gallies above-mentioned, sailed hence to the Westward.

Yarmouth, May 15. Her Majesty's Ship the *Bristol* is at present in our Road, where several light Colliers are now coming in from the Southward.

Portsmouth, May 16. Her Majesty's Ship the *Weymouth* came to Spithead the 14th Instant. Yesterday Her Majesty's Ship the *Centurion* sailed out of our Harbour to Spithead, and put off to Sea this Morning.

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